

EdD Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the program delivery?
 - a. Our program uses a cohort model wherein students move through the program with the same group of students throughout the two years of coursework. Courses are delivered via a hybrid model where a typical semester is comprised of one face-to-face class meeting every other Saturday and one online class each semester.
2. What are the hours of the Saturday classes?
 - a. Saturday classes are scheduled from 8:00AM – 5:00PM.
3. How many classes is considered full time?
 - a. Students are considered to be full-time when taking 8 credits a semester at the doctoral level.
4. When does the cohort start?
 - a. A new cohort begins every summer, but students may join a cohort in the fall and spring terms as well.
5. Is financial aid available?
 - a. Students seeking financial aid should complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility.
6. How many courses comprise the program?
 - a. The program is comprised of 12 4-credit courses. Full-time students enroll in two courses each of the summer, fall, and spring terms each of two years.
7. What is the cost of textbooks?
 - a. The cost of textbooks varies each semester, by course, and by professor. Most courses require students to obtain one to four texts for a course.
8. What does the personal statement entail?
 - a. The personal statement is usually around one page in length where the applicant discusses why they want to pursue this degree, how it will impact their personal and professional goals, and why they specifically want to attend Florida Southern College.
9. When can I begin the dissertation?
 - a. Students can “early-opt” for their dissertation after successfully completing 20 credit hours of coursework and engaging in a conversation with their academic advisor which is the program coordinator.
10. What dissertation support will I have?
 - a. Each student is assigned a dissertation committee comprised of their Chair and three faculty members who will help guide them through the dissertation process and approve their dissertation chapter by chapter.
11. Can my master’s courses count toward this program?
 - a. Unfortunately this typically cannot be done since master’s level courses are a 600/6000 level classes while doctoral level courses are a 700/7000 level. Unless you took a class that was a 700/7000 level it would not count toward the doctoral program.